



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes for Meeting on May 25, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Convened at 7:00 pm

Members present: David Drouin, Richard Mellor, Al Lefebvre, Fred Rogers

Alternate members present: Fred Dodge, Deni Dickler

Other Attendees: Joe Desruisseaux, Kirk Stenersen, Mark Haskell

OLD BUSINESS

- Tetreault Park/Playscape – Mellor recommended that a memorandum of understanding be developed outlining the responsibilities of the Recreation Commission and the Conservation Commission. This will help clarify issues for Tetreault Park and Playscape management going forward toward completion and future maintenance. Mellor will draft a memorandum for the next meeting.
Electrical conduit length was discussed and it was established that about 55 feet would be needed. A trench for the conduit will be dug to where the electrical pole will be installed or close to it depending on when the electrician is available. Lefebvre will recontact the electrician for an updated quote.
Former member Joe Desruisseaux offered about 75' of 4 x 4 pressure treated lumber to the Commission for a future deck or for the pavilion.
Lefebvre offered an unused (still in its original box) skylight to the Commission for installation on the cabin.
A June 17 workday has been scheduled for the Playscape by the Recreation Commission.
- Mattabesec Opening – May 21. It was agreed that the Grand Opening was an excellent event with about 50 people in attendance in good weather. All the speakers were well received.
- Land Use Coordinator Subcommittee –update and the date for the public meeting change to May 31 at 2:00 pm. Mellor reported that changes have been made and awaits a public meeting to gather more input to finalize the position.
- June tour agenda – Drouin will lead the tour at Tetreault Park/Town Forest on June 18 at 1:30. Dickler will handle news announcements.
- Monitoring of conservation lands
 - Mattabesec Trails were cleared and open for the public.
 - Converse Meadow work such as clearing and chipping remains for this area.
 - Tetreault Park/Town Forest – Trees around the cabin will be cut shortly. Chipping is needed.
 - Miriam Hunt – Work at cutting a few trees remains as well as chipping. Driveway scrapping, adding gravel and a culvert for the driveway are also needed and help will be sought to assist.
 - Contoocook Marsh Complex – Some clearing of limbs is needed.
 - Schoolhouse Park – Boy Scout Troop 308 has volunteered to work on Schoolhouse. They will be asked to move and stack brush at a corner of the parking area for future chipping.
 - Ford Family Wildlife Preserve – collected brush needs chipping. The Commission agreed that the property needs to be clearly marked for the public before proceeding with other work at the property to make it more available to residents.

NEW BUSINESS

- Sno-moles discussion of land usage. Mark Haskell explained work the Snow-moles planned for its trail through Town Forest to avoid using Homestead Road. They have received permission from a resident

to cut a trail through his property to the Town Forest where it will also cut a trail. Drouin mentioned that two areas need culverts which the Snow-moles will install once they obtained.

- The Commission has only two hats remaining and the Commission decided to order six more green and six more orange which have been very popular with the public. Lefebvre will reorder hats.
- Storage of supplies – Lefebvre explained that the Commission is running out of filing space and space for supplies. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

OFFICIAL NOTICES:

- Review of proposal for Shoreland Permit application at 18 Sandback Circle by Kirk Stenersen for Dan Aho. Stenersen shared a property map and where sand will be placed at the beach once NH DES reviews the application and approves the work.
- NH DES 2022-03505, Wetlands Permit-by-Notification Application withdrawn, Eversource Utility Right-of-Way – Reviewed by the Commission
- NH DES 2023-00934, Shoreland Permit Application, Map 14 Lor 42, 50 Lachance Dr., John Montgomery. Reviewed by the Commission

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Minutes for May 8, 2023

Rogers motioned and Dickler seconded to approve the Minutes of April 27, 2023. The Commission voted and approved the motion.

NEXT MEETING: June 12, 2023

Schedule of 2023 Meetings: June 22, July 10 & 27, Aug. 14 & 24, Sept. 11 & 28,
Oct. 9 & 26, Nov. 13, Dec. 11.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Minutes recorded by Lefebvre